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Sen. Brown supports bill fixing driver responsibility fees

Lansing – A misplaced proof of insurance will no longer cost Michigan drivers several hundred dollars under new legislation supported by state Sen. Cameron S. Brown.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will take up a measure Wednesday to correct the unintended implementation of the new driver responsibility fees and return taxpayers' money.

Under the bill, the \$300 driver responsibility fee would be waived if a driver produces proof of insurance to the court. In addition, all drivers who have paid the driver responsibility fee for this offense would be reimbursed.

"I am pleased to be a part of fixing this legislation that has angered so many of the constituents in my district," said Brown, R-Fawn River Township, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"The intent of this legislation was never to punish law-abiding citizens who have simply misplaced their proof of insurance," Brown said. "The Senate bill more closely matches the intended purpose of the original bill: discouraging those who fail to secure insurance for their vehicles without penalizing those who have misplaced their proof of insurance."

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